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OF ECONOMIC EXPERTS,/ PARIS, MAY 14-16, 1973, SUMMARY
REPORT (SCEE)

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REF: AEU/ ENV/ A/73.7, DRAFT AGENDA

SUMMARY: MAJOR ITEM CONCERNED SELECTION OF INDUSTRIES
FOR POLLUTION CONTROL COST STUDIES, REULTING FROM
EXPLORATORY MEETING OF EXPERTS, MAY 9-10. SECRETARIAT WILL
PROCEED WITH PREPARATORY WORK ON IRON/ STEEL, ALUMINUM,
CHEMICAL FERTILIZER INDUSTRIES. PULP/ PAPER STUDY
WILL PROVIDE BACKGROUND ON METHODOLOGY FOR EXCEPTIONS TO
POLLUTE PAYS PRINCIPLE (PPP). DISCUSSION OF PPP
AND TRANSFRONTIER POLLUTION WILL ENTAIL REVISION OF
SECRETARIAT PAPERS FOR CONSIDERATION ENVCOM AND SCEE/ AT FALL
1973 MEETINGS. 1974 PROGRAM APPROVED. PROPOSAL FOR JOINT-
CANADA- US STUDY OF APPLICATION OF PPP TO TRANSFRONTIER SITUATION
DISCUSSED ON PRELIMINARY BASIS. LARRY RUFF, EPA (ELECTED VICE-
CHAIRMAN, IN CHAIR FOR THIRD DAY) AND
LYMAN CLARK, EPA,
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REPRESENTED US. WILLIAM CAVITT, DOC, REPRESENTED US MAY 9-10.
NEXT MEETING OF SCEE OCTOBER 10-12, 1973.

1. INDUSTRIAL POLLUTION: ESTIMATES OF POLLUTION CONTROL COSTS.
EXPERT GROUP MET MAY 9-10, AND CONCLUDED (A) METHODOLOGY:
COMBINATION
OF QUESTIONNAIRES AND ANALYSIS. (B) COST TYPES: GROSS COSTS
DURING FIRST PHASE. NET COSTS LATER, AS POSSIBLE. EXISTING AND
PROJECTED FACTORIES TO BE INCLUDED. COSTS TO BE COLLECTED
ACCORDING TO DELCARED OBJECTIVES AND STANDARDS. (C) COST
CONCEPTS: ANNUAL COSTS WILL BE DEFLATED TO A BASE YEAR BY STANDARD
CALCULATION. (D) TIME SACALE: FIVE YEARS, WITH INDUSTRY STARTING
DATES TO BE LEFT TO SPECIAL INDUSTRY WORKING GROUPS. (E)
CRITERIA FOR CHOICE OF INDUSTRY: HIGH POLLUTION AND INTERNATIONAL
TRADE COMPONENTS. SCEE APPROVED ABOVE APPROACH AND FIRST PRIORITY
SELECTION OF FOLLOWING INDUSTRIES: IRON/ STEEL, ALUMINUM, CHEMICAL
FERTILIZERS. OECD WORK ON IRON/ STEEL WILL BE COORDINATED WITH EEC
STUDY ALREADY UNDER WAY. OECD PULP/ PAPER STUDY (TO BE USED AS
BACKGROUND FOR TESTING EXCEPTIONS TO PPP) WILL BE CONSIDERED IN
DETAIL AT OCTOBER MEETING SCEE.

2. IMPLEMENTATION OF GUIDING PRINCIPLES: IN ABSENCE OF CONTRIBUTORS,
DISCUSSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS, ENV(73)20/21, WAS POSTPONED.
SCEE FOCUSSED ON POLLUTE PAYS PRINCIPLE, (PPP), AEU/ ENV/73.5,
ENV(73)19, LATTER REVISED AS COMMITTEE ROOM DOCUMENT NO. 1
(CRD 1). GENERAL FEELING THAT AEU/ ENV/73.5 (IMPLEMENTATION)
IS USEFUL PAPER, BUT WITH OVER- EMPHAIS ON ECONOMIC THEORY APPLIED
TO LARGELY NON- ECONOMIC PROBLEM. SCEE FELT THAT BEYOND SCOPE OF
THEORETICAL ECONOMIC ANALYSIS ARE QUESTIONS CONCERNING: INCLUSION
OR EXCLUSION OF DAMAGE COSTS, FIXING OF SUBJECTIVELY ACCEPTABLE
NATIONAL POLLUTION LEVELS; APPLICATION OF POLLUTION CHARGES
TO POLLUTION ABATEMENT; NEED FOR HARMONIZATION OF STANDARD
(ESPECIALLY IF DAMAGE COSTS ARE EXCLUDED); ESTABLISHMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL OBJECTIVES. DISCUSSION OF ENV(73) 19 (INSTRUMENTS)
ELICITED QUESTIONS ON (A) HOW DOES PPP APPLY TO TRANSITIONAL
PERIODS? AND (B) WHEN DO TRANSITIONAL PERIODS BECOME EXCEPTIONS?
SECRETARIAT WILL PREPARE SYNTHESIS OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND SCEE
DISCUSSIONS FOR PERESENTATION TO ENVCOM AT LATTER' S FALL 1973
MEETING.

3. TRANS/ FRONTIER POLLUTION. AEU/ ENV/73.1 PROVIDED BACKGOUND
FOR INTERESTING DISCUSSION BUT COONSIDERABLE DISAGREEMENT WITH
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BASIC ASSUMPTION OF OPTIMUM POLLUTION
LEVEL, AS IMPOSED ON LOGICAL DEVELOPMENT OF PAPER. SECRETARIAT
WILL REVISE THIS PAPER IN LIGHT OF DISCUSSION FOR RECONSIDERATION
AT OCTOBER MEETING OF SCEE. PROPOSAL FOR JOINT- CANADA- US STUDY
OF TRANSFRONTIER POLLUTION INVOLVING RIVER UTILIZED BY BOTH
COUNTRIES, DISCUSSED INFORMALLY BY CANADIAN, US REPS, SECRETARIAT

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(POTIER) AND MISSION. SECRETARIAT PLANS DRAFT PROPOSAL BY JUNE 1,
FOR CONSIDERATION US AND CANADIAN AUTHORITIES.

4. 1974 PROGRAM, APPROVED.

5. ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMIC GROWTH, ENV(73)10. SECRETARIAT WILL
SCHEDULE LATE AUGUST 1973 EXPLORATORY MEETING, WITH REPORT
TO ENVCOM, FALL 1973, ON FEASIBILITY.
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